

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A process for preparing optically active alcohols represented by the general formula 2 and their esters represented by the general formula 3 from racemic alcohols represented by the general formula 1, whose secondary hydroxyl group is esterified stereospecifically by lipase with succinic anhydride as an acylating agent in the organic phase.
- 10 2. The process according to claim 1, wherein R in the general formula 1 is CH₃, N₃CH₂, CH₃CH₂, ClCH₂.
3. The process according to claim 1, wherein X in the general formula 1 is trityl, t-butyl, tosyl, nosyl.